

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/AU03/01348

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X Y	EP 193797 B (ALCATEL SATMAM) 21 March 1990 See whole document.	1-14 5-6
X Y	EP 1178448 A (STAAR SA) 6 February 2002 See whole document.	1-14 5-6
X Y	EP 8119 A (LEHMANN) 20 February 1980 See whole document.	1-14 5-6

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X Y	WO 01/96142 A (CHIRNOMAS) 20 December 2001 See whole document.	1-14 5-6
X	FR 2273329 A (VAUDEZ) 26 December 1975 See whole document,	1-14
Y	This document discloses a "movable plate" as per claims 5-6 (see, in particular the figures and lines 6-28 of page 7) and can be combined with the disclosures of the other documents above in this respect.	5-6

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Information on patent family members

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